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The 212th regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:00 A.M. in Suite #207 in the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Ronald Ayres, with Board Member Ken Boad, Board Member Jay Hughes, Board Member Mark Watenpaugh, Board Member Martin Spani, Chief Stan Loertscher (Mason Co. FPD #13), Chief Jake Doty (East Pierce Fire and Rescue), Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews, Assistant Attorney General Spencer Daniels, Executive Secretary Brigitte Smith, and Confidential Secretary Nicole Stauffer present.

The Board reviewed the February 15, 2008, regular meeting minutes and the April 11, 2008, special meeting minutes. It was moved by Boad, seconded by Spani and carried that the minutes be approved.

The agenda was reviewed.

FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Smith distributed an email from Arnold Baker that stated that he supported the direction the Board was taking with the pension participation standards.

Secretary Smith reported that she received no additional feedback regarding benefit enhancements, but that she had shared the survey results with all of the major fire service organizations at the Fire Service Leadership Forum meeting. She encouraged the groups to feel free to provide any input that they may have regarding the enhancements to the Board.

The Board recessed for an executive session to meet with their attorney from 9:03 am until 9:15 am.

The Board reviewed an Interim order that was prepared by the Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews in the Rebecca Atkins case. The order directs Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews to contact the local fire department, Pierce Co. FPD #23, for additional evidence. It was moved by Ken Boad, seconded by Jay Hughes, and carried that the order be approved as written. Secretary Smith was directed to serve all parties on the Service List with the Interim order.

Secretary Smith updated the Board on the progress of the IT Database Project. She said that it is coming along and that approval for the project had been granted by DIS. She's working on the OFM approval, and it looks as though OFM will give conditional approval to hire a project manager. Brigitte will work with the project manager to narrow and better define the scope of the project. She will then return to OFM and, hopefully, obtain final approval for the project. Secretary Smith provided the Board with copies of the contract she entered into with TSG (Technology Solutions Group), to provide project management services. She also provided the Board with a copy of a resume for Dennis Laine, who will be the project manager. The Board reviewed the contract and it was moved by Watenpaugh, seconded by Spani, and carried, that the contract entered into by Secretary Smith be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Smith and Chair Ron Ayres shared the results of the 2004-2007 Audit with the Board. The Auditor's Office stated in the report that the prior audit findings and the exit item were resolved. They recommended that the Board find a way to compare the monthly pension distributions in HRMS against those in AFRS. Secretary Smith informed the Board that the Staff had worked with representatives from both HRMS and AFRS and have found a way to compare the payments from the two systems and have begun to do so. Secretary Smith stated that the audit team was very easy to work with.

Secretary Smith asked the Board if they had any special requests for the next biennial budget. After some discussion, the Board stated that they had no special requests, but would like to see that the current IT Project receive additional funding, if necessary.

The Board reviewed documentary evidence from Walla Walla Co. FPD #8 attempting to prove service for William McKinney prior to his July 13, 2007 fire service accident. Chair Ayres excused himself from this case because he once worked for the department and knows the firefighter in question. It was moved by Hughes, seconded by Spani, and carried that the evidence provided was sufficient to prove service from April 11, 2007. Secretary Smith was directed to contact the department and charge them the disability fee, plus the statutory interest for not reporting their member in a timely fashion. Secretary Smith stated that she would also remind them that all new members must be reported immediately upon acceptance into the department as a firefighter.

The Board reviewed documentary evidence from Yakima Co. FPD #7 attempting to prove service for David Cardenas for the years 2004 through 2007. It was moved by Watenpaugh, seconded by Spani, and carried that Firefighter Cardenas be granted uninterrupted service from June 1, 2004. It was also moved by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried, that credit for the year 2005 not count toward Firefighter Cardenas' pension credit in accordance with Yakima #7's department policy regarding pension participation. Secretary Smith was directed to bill the district for the fees plus the statutory interest.

The Board reviewed documentary evidence from Pierce Co. FPD #21 attempting to prove service for Roger Drake for the year 1987. After reviewing the evidence, it was moved by Hughes, seconded by Spani, and carried that Firefighter Drake be granted service credit for the year 1987. Secretary Smith was directed to bill the district for the fee plus the statutory interest.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Mary Rosa, Klickitat Co. FPD #11. She wanted the Board to know that she found the staff to be particularly helpful when she was trying to handle an injury claim for one of her firefighters. The staff was knowledgeable, the forms were easy to understand, and the claims were "processed so quickly that it was amazing".

The Board reviewed Secretary Smith's leave and pay records.

The Board reviewed and approved (Boad moved, Spani seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered (1691-1711 & 1713-1727) and various travel vouchers. Voucher #1712 was on hold pending some clarification from the Attorney General's Office regarding the bill.

There was a motion by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates (Hughes abstained from the vote on David Carlson's papers due to potential conflicts, Ron Ayres abstained from the vote on Peggy Farrens' papers due to potential conflicts, and Martin Spani abstained from the vote on John Stumpf's papers due to potential conflicts):

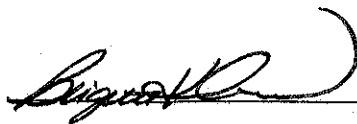
		<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Baechler, Mary	Okanogan #4	12/24/02	187.50
Beath, Wayne L.	Skagit #3	4/19/08 J/S	245.40
Bloomfield, Tom	Walla Walla #3	1/10/08	159.60 @ age 62
Boyer, David	Grays Harbor #2	3/5/08	121.50 @ age 60
Brown, Michael L.	Grant #4	3/26/08	3,300.58 Lump

Carlson, David E.	Spokane #4	3/5/08 J/S	161.63
Cramer, Joe E.	Whatcom #3	1/31/08	142.50 @ age 62
Denson, Dick	Whatcom #3	4/8/08 J/S	5,241.15 Lump
Duncan, Sue	Okanogan #7	1/13/08	4,620.82 Lump
Edwards, John	Pierce #11	9/5/07	108.30 @ age 62
Farrens, Dean (Peggy)	Walla Walla #4	11/26/07 SURV	1,570.96 Lump
Footh, Frieda M.	Wahkiakum #3	2/15/08	138.60 @ age 63
Ford, Larry L.	Lincoln #4	1/24/08	157.50 @ age 63
Fountain, Thomas M.	Douglas #3	1/28/08	300.00
George, Michael	Pierce #5	3/21/08	260.00
Getchman, Jim	Mason #12	3/6/08	142.50
Greene, Richard	Skagit #19	5/1/07	121.60 @ age 62
Griffith, Ronald	Grays Harbor #5	1/1/08	2,747.51 Lump
Hafner, Carol	Kitsap #19	1/21/08	4,235.75 Lump
Heggerston, Jerry D.	Ferry #3	4/1/08	202.50
Hay, Bruce	Buckley	4/2/08	3,520.62 Lump
Holland, Joseph	Adams #2	2/1/08	210.00
Hooley, John A.	Grant #4	2/1/08	300.00
Huguenin, Roger G.	Chewelah	4/2/08 J/S	258.60
Johnson, Roger L.	Lewis #3	9/17/07	56.00
Johnson, Steven M.	Whatcom #3	4/26/08	3,016.30 Lump
Jungk, Larry A.	Chelan #5	5/18/08	196.54 @ age 62
Kempe, Kay A.	Spokane #9	6/1/08	290.00
Matson, Jerry A.	Clallam #6	10/15/07	120.00
McCormick, John P.	Pierce #22	1/1/08 J/S	276.00
McLead, Gregory D.	Pacific #1	2/1/08 J/S	234.00
McManus, Ted A.	Jefferson #7	12/31/07	60.00
Moon, Jim	Lewis #6	1/4/08	2,200.39 Lump
Ninnis, James F.	Stellacoom	4/30/08	70.00
Nordby, Ronald E.	Douglas #5	1/3/08	77.00
Pinguoch, John R.	Skagit #13	3/7/08 J/S	155.16 @ age 60
Pitt, Gary	Clallam #6	3/20/08	3,079.25 Lump
Richard, Ronald	Snohomish #27	1/1/08	290.00
Siegfried, Faye	Franklin #4	4/15/07 J/S	3,606.39 Lump
Slomp, Deborah (Michael)	Thurston #1	1/25/08 SURV	811.90 Lump
Sorenson, Kenneth	Kittitas Valley	2/12/08	276.00 @ age 64
Sprague, Marvin, R.	Lewis #16	10/20/07	77.00
Stumpf, John D.	Lynnwood	2/12/08 J/S	61.74
Wruble, Walter D.	Spokane #9	5/8/08 J/S	261.00
Williams, Everett	Snohomish #16	3/1/08 J/S	65.85

SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No comments.

There was a motion by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 a.m.



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